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1. REFERENCE SUGGESTS, IN THE INTEREST OF OBTAINING MORE SHELTERS AT UPPER HEYFORD, THAT FUNDS NOW PROGRAMMED IN SLICE XXV FOR A/C SHELTERS AT INCIRLIK BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UPPER HEYFORD PROJECT. PROPOSAL IS MADE THAT THIS BE DISCUSSED AT INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE IN WIESBADEN ON MARCH 21, 1974.

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2. SINCE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF ACTIVE

AIR DEFENSE FOR INCIRLIK DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY IN THE SLICE XXV TIME FRAME AND NATO CANNOT APPROVE FUNDS FOR ASM PROJECTS WITHOUT SUCH A SOLUTION, THE DELETION OF THE INCIRLIK ASM PROJECT FROM SLICE XXV APPEARS WARRANTED. AS WE SEE IT, THE SUBSTITUTION OF ADDITIONAL SHELTERS AT UPPER HEYFORD CONSTITUTES A NORMAL REPROGRAMMING ACTION BY NATO WITHIN THE SLICE XXV NATO PROGRAM. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A DEFERRAL OF RECOUPMENTS DUE THE U.S. IN-ASMUCH AS THE INCIRLIK ASM PROJECT HAS NOT YET QUALIFIED FOR NATO COMMON FUNDING.

3. THE PROPOSED USE OF THESE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE SLICE XXV UPPER HEYFORD ASM PROJECT

AS WELL AS INCREASE THE SCOPE IS CONCURRED IN.

4. THE USAF ADVISES THAT THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF US TEST RESULTS FROM CONCRETE SKY 10, AS THESE BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE, SHOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS DESIRABLE. KISSINGER

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